

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 1-6 with the following amended paragraph:

[[PATTERNED FELTS FOR BULK AND VISUAL
AESTHETIC DEVELOPMENT OF A TISSUE BASESHEET]]
REFERENCES TO EARLIER FILED [[APPLICATION]] APPLICATIONS

The present application is a division of application Serial No. 09/750,407, filed December 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,610,619, which in turn claims the benefit of the filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/173,628, filed December 29, 1999, both of which [[is]] are hereby incorporated by reference.